

REMARKS

This amendment is a full and timely response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2007. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Telephone Interview of November 7, 2007

Applicant notes with appreciation the courtesy of Examiner Theriault in extending the opportunity for a telephone interview including the undersigned representative Christopher Tobin and Frank Battaglia on November 7, 2007. The claims and references relied-upon in the Office Action dated September 5, 2007 were discussed in the interview. As understood by Applicant, Examiner Theriault expressed agreement that the proposed limitations to claims 1, 17, and 18, as presented in this amendment, are not taught or suggested by any of the currently relied-upon references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding rejection of these claim under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be formally withdrawn. Applicant also requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the remaining claim rejections, as discussed in the interview, for the reasons set forth in the following remarks.

Claim Amendments

These amendments add no new matter to the application. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 17, and 18 can be found throughout applicant's specification, for example at pages 23-24 and Fig. 9.

Claims 1-6, 8-10, and 12-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0078447 of Mizutome et al. ("Mizutome") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,724,403 of Santoro et al. ("Santoro"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 17, and 18 have been respectively amended to further recite:
communicating with another display device; [and]

when a predetermined display information of said display device and a predetermined display information of said another display device is the same kind of display information, receiving information corresponding to said predetermined display information from said another display device and displaying said predetermined display information based on the received information such that said predetermined display information of said display device is synchronized with said predetermined display information of said another display device

As discussed in the November 7 telephone phone interview, these features are not taught or suggested by the currently cited art. Neither Mizutome nor Santoro teaches communication between two recited display devices, wherein the display information is synchronized between the two devices. For at least these reasons claims 1, 17, and 18 are patentable over these references. Furthermore, claims 2-16, which are dependent on claim 1 and incorporate all of the limitations recited therein, are also patentable for at least these reasons. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Claims 7 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Mizutome in view of Santoro, in further view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,064,303 to Klein et al. ("Klein"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed with regard to claim 1, neither Mizutome nor Santoro teaches or suggests all of the features recited therein. For example, neither of these references teaches or suggests synchronizing the predetermined display information between two display devices. Klein also fails to teach or suggest this feature, which is incorporated into claims 7 and 11 by their dependency on claim 1. For at least these reasons, claims 7 and 11 are patentable over these references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2831 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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